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Common Schools.

One of the greatest barriers to immigration is the want of an efficient system of common schools. When a man considers the question of emigration and a locality is suggested, the very first question he asks is as to its educational advantages. He is unwilling to go where he cannot educate his children. He wants good schools and good roads, and if these are wanting, he stays where he is, or goes where he can find them. An intelligent Canadian recently stated that he had received a number of letters from his friends, making inquiries about North Carolina, and each one of them asked whether we had good schools and good roads, and he had replied that we had no roads or schools. This man is a conscientious gentleman, and he could not dignify our miserable highways with the name of roads, and I think no public school has ever been taught within reach of his residence. We intend referring heretofore to the matter of public roads, but in this to speak more particularly of schools.

A good deal has already been said in the papers on this question, but we have seen no definite plan suggested by which our common school system may be made effective.

There may be some defects in the present law, but we do not think they are material. The great difficulty in the efficient working of the system, is the want of money. If we will give the school committees enough money, they can and will keep up good schools, but with the amount now raised and applied for school purposes, it will be impossible to keep up good schools, no matter what laws or how many may be enacted on the subject.

The question which is of first importance is how are we to raise the proper amount of money for school purposes. There is in some parts of our State a very great objection to laying the tax on property to a larger extent than the present law provides, from the fact that the property all belonging to one class of the community, it imposes upon them the burden of not only educating their own children, but the children of the other class or race. They are willing to do something towards it and do not object to the law as it now stands, but are not willing to increase the amount. There is force in this objection. In many instances, three-fourths of the school tax on property goes to the support of colored schools, while the entire tax is paid by the whites. We think it right and proper that the whites should aid in the education of the colored children, but whether they should be more heavily taxed for that purpose is very questionable. And yet we must have more money or our public school system will continue to be the farce it now is.

It has been suggested, and if there is no constitutional difficulty in the way, we think the suggestion practicable, that the white and colored people in their respective school districts, shall vote upon the question as to whether their respective property shall be taxed additionally for the support of their respective schools. Should such a plan as this be attempted, in order to make it at all efficient, the law should be mandatory as to the holding of the election.

We have another plan, however, which we believe better, and which would obviate all the difficulties which attack to the one mentioned, and it is, to make the tax on the sale of spirituous liquors support the public schools, and to make the tax heavy enough to support them amply. We are not writing an article on temperance, but the moral sense of the entire State will in our opinion approve our suggestion. All admit that the manufacture and sale of spirituous liquors entails great evils upon the community. We favor making the privilege of selling it do some good. We favor the enactment of the "Moffett Bell Punch" law and all the proceeds be applied for school purposes. Every time a man spends ten cents for a drink, he ought to be willing to deposit one cent for the education of his children and the children of his neighbor, and the man who sells it ought to be willing to give another. The "Bell Punch" raises in the State of Virginia about \$500,000 per annum. This amount in North Carolina would give \$5,000 to each county, which amount added to the sum now raised would be sufficient to keep up a good school every district for at least six months in the year.

We are satisfied there is a very strong sentiment in favor of the enactment of this law, and that no one would object to allowing the proceeds to be applied as we have suggested. The law has been adopted. From all the information worked well wherever it has been on trial we have, we think the people of Virginia are highly pleased with its operation. When we shall have provided for the establishment of good public schools throughout the State, another barrier to immigration will be removed, and another step taken towards the high and honorable position our noble old State ought to occupy.

It is scarcely too much to say that no State in the Union possesses more natural advantages than North Carolina and yet she is far behind many of them in population, wealth and general prosperity. For the slow progress we have been making there is a cause, and the cause being understood, there ought to be a remedy.

Ever since the war, the leading interest which has claimed and received the attention of the press and the lead-

ing men of the State, has been the redemption of the State from radical rule. That important end having been accomplished and the predominance of the democratic party having been fully established, the press and the leaders of the people may very properly turn their attention to the material prosperity of the State. Indeed the legislature, press and people should bend all their energies in this direction.

There is a natural, mental and moral inertia with every people which can only be overcome by agitation. It is the province of the pulpit and the religious press to overcome the moral inertia and awaken spiritual life and put in operation spiritual forces, and it is the province of the secular press and secular leaders to awaken material enterprise and promote material prosperity. It is no reflection upon the masses of the people to say that they rarely ever rise to great effort or daring enterprise, until they are aroused by some leading spirit. We need leading spirits now—men who can grasp the situation, see the needs of the people, understand what is necessary to impel the State forward in a career of prosperity, and who will come to the front. Shall we call for them in vain.

Recognizing the responsibility of the press, and believing we can be of use to the people as a public journal, we intend to do our part in the great work which the people should now heartily take in hand. We are satisfied, if the press and the leaders will earnestly work for the material prosperity of our good old State, she will soon shake herself from the slumber in which she has so long been wrapped, and the world will see there is "life in the old land yet."

In this and future issues we will call attention to matters in which all the people are interested and suggest measures which will in our opinion, if adopted, greatly tend to promote the welfare of the State.

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